

MINUTES

Indiana State Board of Education Business Meeting

October 5, 2022

9:00 A.M. EDT

Auditorium, Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair (by video), Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest, Mr. Greg Gastineau, Ms. Iris Hammel (by video), Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B. J. Watts (by video).

Board Members Absent: Mr. Pat Mapes

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes for the September 21, 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
 - A. September 21, 2022 - [Memo](#)
- IV. **Statement from the Chair:** Dr. Jenner updated the board on the three Teacher of the Year finalists and commented on the Ball State University partnership to create the first educator focused, federally registered apprenticeship program in Indiana. She announced two new associate commissioners (Adult and K-12) joining the Commission for Higher Education (CHE). Dr. Jenner also recognized Ms. Hammel's receipt of the North Central Indiana Community Champion of 2021 Award presented by Elevate Ventures.
- V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None
- VI. **Public Comment:** None
- VII. **Discussion - [Slides](#)**
 - A. Presentation of Academic Gains Achieved - Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corp.
 1. Mr. Jediah Behny, Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation Superintendent, thanked IDOE for awarding Knightstown Intermediate School the Excellence in Academic Gains Award and introduced the speakers for the

school presentation, Mr. John Boyer, Principal, Ms. Darcy Cooper, 6th Grade English Teacher and Meghan Folkening, 8th Grade English Teacher. The presentation covered academic and cultural changes Knightstown Intermediate School made for their school's growth. Board members, Mr. Durham, Mr. Gastineau, Dr. Ernest and Mr. Bess congratulated the speakers on the inspiring story and amazing job their school team has accomplished.

B. Literacy Center Update

1. Ms. Karianne Polk-Meek, IDOE Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the Literacy Center Update.
2. Mr. Bess thanked the Lily Endowment and asked Ms. Polk-Meek if IDOE maintains the universities currently using the Science of Reading instruction within their teacher prep programs. Ms. Polk-Meek responded they did not, however they will have that information in the future.
3. Ms. Hammel asked IDOE to create a "one-pager" to share with North Central Indiana area universities she works alongside.
4. Mr. Durham questioned if recruitment is focusing on potential teachers of Special Education, ESL, Black and other minority students. Ms. Polk-Meek responded IDOE is combing through data and intentionally looking at schools to join the cadre. Schools join on a volunteer basis.
5. Dr. Ernest asked if any of the schools turned IDOE's invitation down. Ms. Polk-Meek answered some schools gave various reasons not to join, however many of them are now ready. Dr. Ernest added this gives additional credence to the Dashboard.
6. While supporting school autonomy, Mr. Bess emphasized the weight of a community's decision to opt in or out of the funded program.
7. Dr. Jenner added she had asked School Board Associations to consider locally adopting the 95% by 2027 goal through passage of a resolution.

C. Indiana Learns Update

1. Ms. Alicia Gatewood, IDOE Senior Director of Student Support and Accessibility, introduced The Mind Trust speakers, Ms. Seana Murphy and Ms. Kristin Grimme. The Mind Trust will manage implementation of Indiana Learns.
2. Utilizing the Knox school example, Dr. Ernest clarified students are able to use other approved tutoring sources, e.g. Sylvan Learning Centers.
3. Mr. Bess noted the challenge of larger school corporations to share Indiana Learns information with parents and inquired how The Mind Trust is communicating the message. Ms. Grimme responded, direct mail, parent/teacher conferences, as well as identifying additional times where parents and teachers have meeting plans scheduled.

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.